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Applicant:

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Title:

Prosthesis Systems and Methods Sized and Configured for the Receipt and

Retention of Fasteners

PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests to amend the benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the above-noted application, as follows in marked-up form:

> This application elaims the benefit is a continuation-in-part of copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,255, filed October 24, 2003, and entitled "Multi-Lumen Prosthesis Systems and Methods[.]," which claims the benefit of provisional United States Patent Application Serial No. 60/489,011, filed July 21, 2003, and entitled "Bifurcated Prosthesis Systems and Methods" and which is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/271,334, filed October 15, 2002, entitled "Endovascular Aneurysm Repair System," which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/333,937, filed November 28, 2001.

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Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed benefit claim. The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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